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#### SUMMARY OF MIDDLE EAST OIL DEVELOPMENTS

#### **GENERAL SURVEY**

(See map in back)

As thus far explored and developed, the oil region of major importance in the Middle East lies in and adjacent to the great basin occupied by the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and the Persian Gulf. It covers portions of Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia and the smaller Sheikhdoms of Kuwait, Bahrein and Qatar.

That is the picture today. It is possible, however, that oil production may later be discovered on the other side of the great Iranian mountain ranges in northern Iran, and west of the region above described in Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Trans-Jordan. Exploration and test drilling are either under way or anticipated in those areas and on the island of Cyprus. Also remaining to be tested are the Trucial Coast Sheikdoms, Oman, Dhofar, Muscat, and Hadhramaut, all lying in the southern portion of the Arabian Peninsula.

Oil has been produced in Egypt for a great many years but not in important quantities. Active exploration is still under way in that country. The western portion of Saudi Arabia is not regarded as having oil potentialities.

Great Britain, the United States, France and Holland are all substantially represented in Middle East oil developments. On the northeastern side of the Persian Gulf-Mesopotamian basin lies the important concession in southwest Iran held by a British company, while, on the opposite side, the concessions in Saudi Arabia and Bahrein are held by American interests. In between, the concession covering Kuwait is held by a company half British and half American owned, and the concessions in Iraq by companies jointly owned by British, French, Dutch and American groups.

The same international group represented in Iraq, also own companies holding concessions or exploration rights in Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine

and Trans-Jordan and, to the southward, in Qatar, the Trucial Coast, Oman, Dhofar, and Hadhramaut.

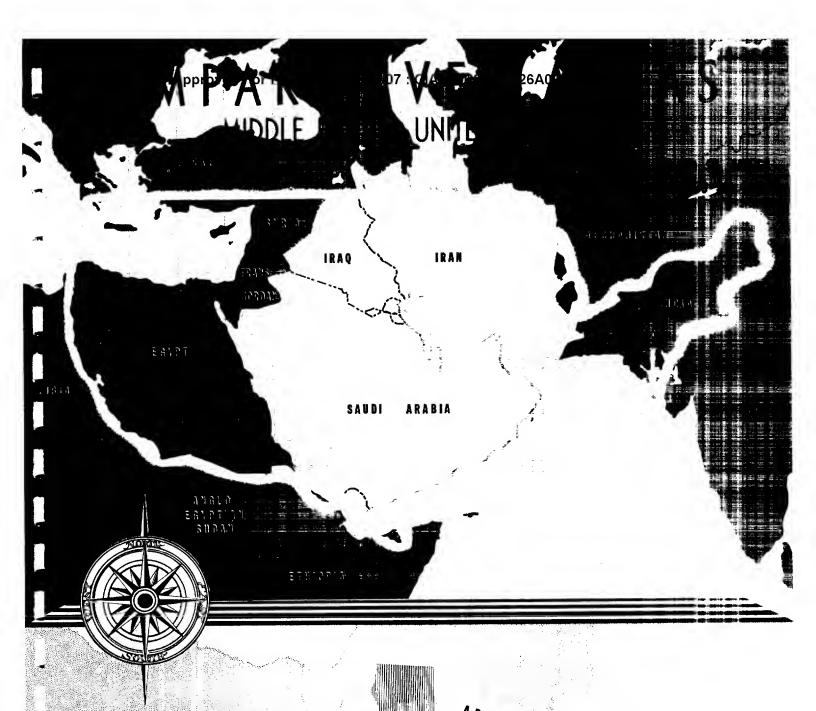
There are two "neutral zones" along the northern border of Saudi Arabia. The westerly of these is jointly shared by the governments of Iraq and Saudi Arabia, the easterly one by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Arabian American Oil Company holds concession rights on the undivided half interest of the Saudi Arabian Government in both zones. The Basrah Petroleum Company Ltd. holds the Iraq interest in the westerly one. The Kuwait interest in the so-called Kuwait neutral zone has not yet been leased, although several companies, both British and American, have been negotiating for it.

The U.S.S.R., which holds no interest in the concessions southwest of the Iranian mountain ranges, negotiated a proposed concession in April, 1946 covering a portion of northern Iran adjacent to the Caspian Sea, to be operated by a company owned 51% by the U.S.S.R. and 49% by Iran. The concession was rejected by the Iranian Parliament (Majlis) in October, 1947. Although in the same country as the British-owned Anglo-Iranian concession in southwest Iran, the area concerned belongs in a different geographic and economic province as regards the movement and use of oil. In other words, the natural outlet for oil exports from northern Iran would be into or through Russia, which is strictly not the case as regards oil produced in southwest Iran or the Arabian countries.

In the opinion of most geologists, there are very large undeveloped areas within Russia itself that are capable of abundantly supplying the requirements of that country and which offer much greater promise for substantial oil production than the proposed concession in northern Iran.

#### Historical Highlights:

Oil exploration in the Middle East began in the early part of this century in southwest Iran, and oil was discovered there in 1908. By 1913 the oil developed in this area had assumed sufficient importance to induce the British



## COMPARATIVE AREAS

EXAS - - - - - · · · 267,339 sq. miles

ALIFORNIA • • • 158,693 sq. miles

TOTAL • • • • • • 426,032 sq. miles

## **TRAMCO CONCESSION AREA**

Government to acquire a 51% interest in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. (This interest has since been increased to about 56%.)

The Kirkuk field in Iraq was discovered in 1927 and pipelines to the Mediterranean Sea were completed in 1934. The wholly-American enterprises entered the Persian Gulf region in the early 30's, discovering oil in Bahrein in 1932 and in Saudi Arabia in 1938 (some oil was discovered in Saudi Arabia in 1935 but not in commercial quantities). Although Iran and Iraq produced substantial quantities of oil before World War II, the real importance and magnitude of Middle East oil resources were not fully appreciated until recent years. World wide attention was drawn to them by the rapid increase in Iranian production and refining facilities as a war measure, and by the spectacular increase in Saudi Arabian production during 1946 and 1947, the development of which had been retarded by lack of facilities during the first few years of the war.

#### Reserves; Current and Future Production:

RUSSIA

MIDDLE

EAST 42.3%

OTHER EAST HEMISPHERE

2.8 %

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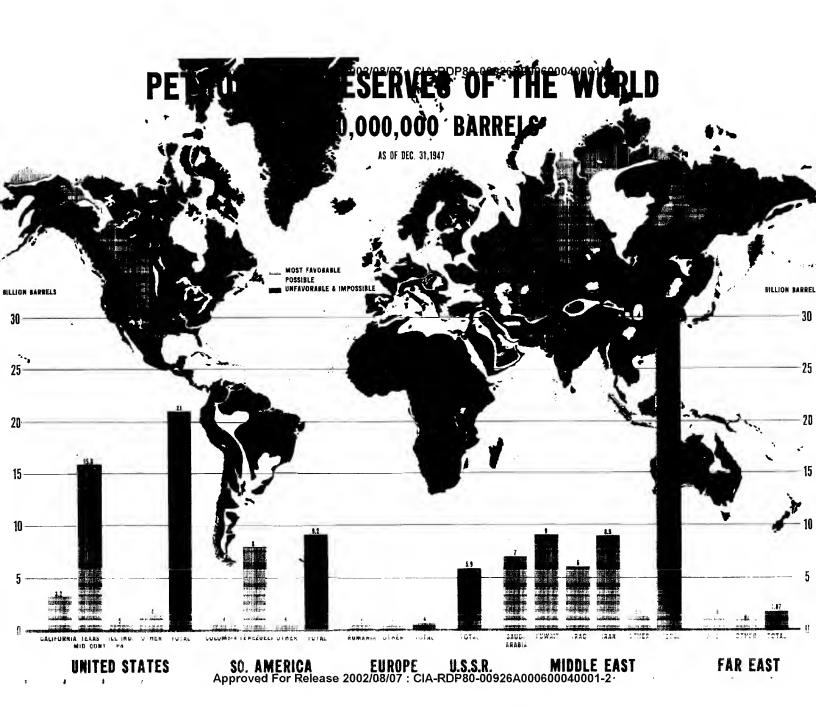
Although the exploration and development of the Middle East region are still in an early stage, the reserves already proven are believed to equal or exceed those of the entire Western Hemisphere (see chart). The region has been without parallel in previous oil experience for the large extent of its oil pools, the large average magnitude of its wells, and the small number of failures in wildcatting.

Although exploration has been difficult, and has required the most scientific technique known to the industry, a large number of favorable structures have been found which, although yet untested, promise greatly to augment present proven reserves as the need arises.

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RUSSIA



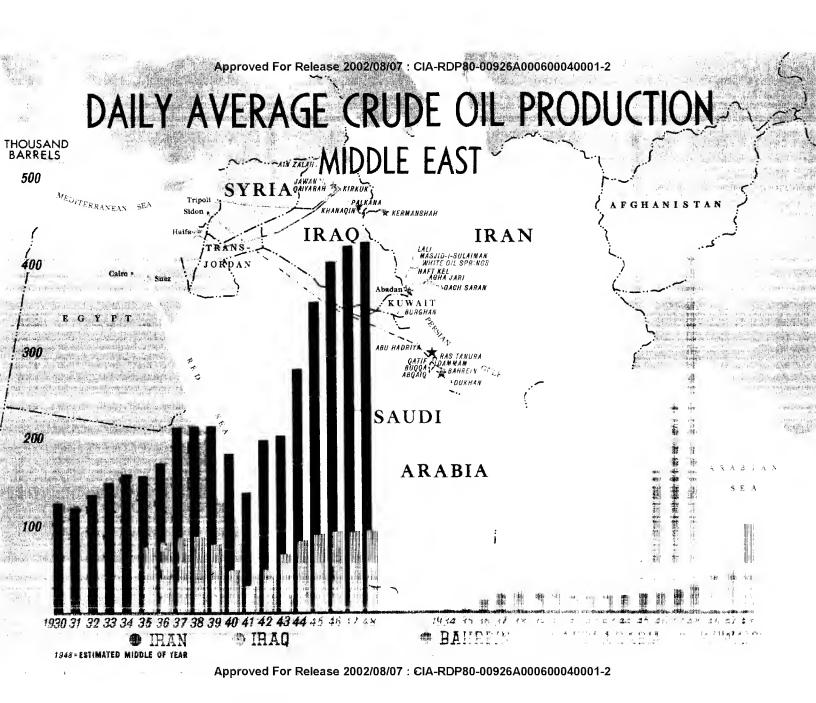
Total production from the Middle East is in the order of 1,000,000 barrels daily in the middle of 1948 as compared to an average of 325,000 barrels in 1939. The output is expected at least to double within the next few years with the completion of large pipelines projects, either under way or in preparation, for the movement of oil from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran and Kuwait to the eastern shores of the Mediterranean. The oil companies are planning to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in these facilities and the development of production and ancillary facilities to support them in order to move Middle East oil into Europe, Asiatic and other world markets where it is badly needed to relieve a present situation of severe shortages.

The trend of daily average production in the Middle East is shown in the following table, (thousands of barrels).

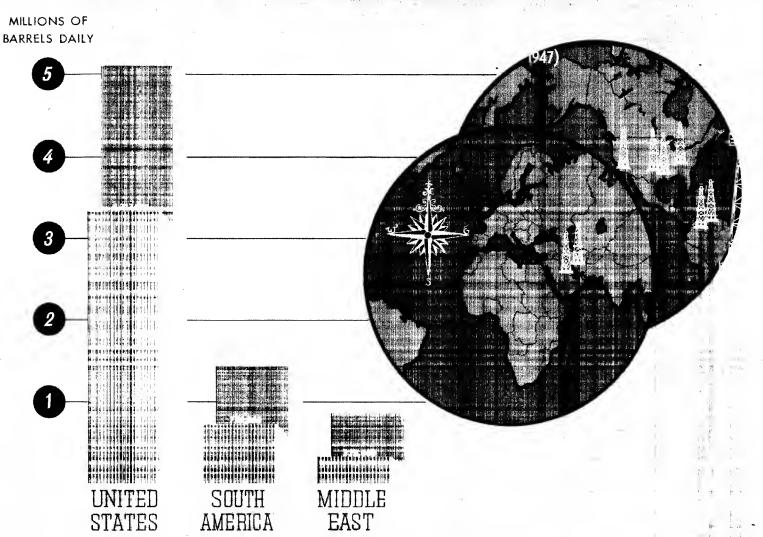
				Saudi		
•	Iran	Iraq	Bahrein	Arabia	Kuwait	Total
1936	171	81	13			265
1937	213	86	21			320
1938	215	87	23			325
1939	214	79	21	11		325
1940	181	49	20	14		264
1941	139	29	18	12		198
1942	198	48	17	12		275
1943	204	69	18	13		304
1944	279	82	19	21		401
1945	358	90	20	58		526
1946	402	92	22	164	40	720
1947	420	92	25	246	49	832
Middle 1948	425	92*	30	410	100	1057

\*Iraq production temporarily reduced to about half this figure because of disturbances in Palestine.

General Economic Aspects: Western Europe and other regions which have not been so fortunate as the United States in the ready availability of oil supplies will doubtless benefit greatly by the abundance of oil found in the Middle East. The United States will likewise benefit from the development of a new source of oil to relieve the drain on Western Hemisphere reserves in supplying



## DAILY AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION



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whom they live and deal, they have promoted the welfare and education of their local employees and have recognized that, to be successful, the enterprises must be of fair and lasting benefit to the local people as well as to themselves and to the countries who need the oil.

#### Returns to Governments:

Middle East Governments receive a direct benefit from oil production in the form of cash royalty payments. In some instances returns include payments in lieu of taxes and other payments. For example:

Company and	$A_{P_{i}}$	proximate Equivalent
Country	Royalty and Other Payments	in Dollars
A. I. O. C.	4 shillings sterling per ton; plus pay	- Total
Iran	ment per ton in lieu of taxes; plus	Approximately
	premium according to gold price in	20 to 22 cents
	London above £6 per ounce; plus a	per barrel
	sum equal to 20% of distribution to	
	ordinary shareholders over and above	
	5%	
I. P. C.	4 shillings gold per ton, paid in sterling	\$1.65 per ton
Iraq	according to price of gold in London on day of payment	.22 per barrel
Aramco	4 shillings gold per ton, or equivalent	\$1.65 per ton
Saudi Arabia	in dollars or sterling	.22 per barrel
Варсо	3½ rupees per ton	\$1.05 per ton
Bahrein		.14 per barrel
Kuwait Oil Co.	3 rupees per ton	.975 per ton
Kuwait	plus ¼ rupee per ton	.13 per barrel
	in lieu of taxes.	

According to estimated production, such direct payments to the respective governments accruing during 1948 can be expected to approximate the following amounts, expressed in terms of dollars at present rates of exchange:

Iran	\$33,000,000
Iraq	7,250,000
Saudi Arabia	28,000,000
Bahrein	1,500,000
Kuwait	4,750,000

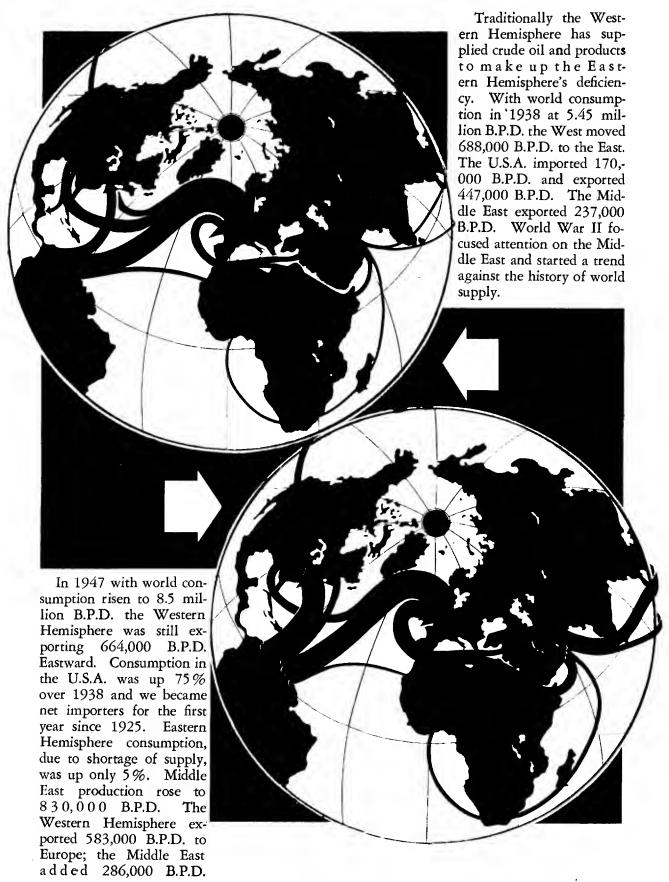
In addition, many of the governments receive cash rental payments on undeveloped portions of their countries held under concession. Iraq, for example, annually receives £400,000 gold (\$3,295,000) from the Mosul and Basrah concessions.

Apart from these direct payments to governments, large local expenditures by the oil companies on wages, supplies, etc. afford a substantial benefit to the various national economies. For example, the local wages bill of the Anglo-Iranian in Iran exceeds £1,000,000 (\$4,000,000) monthly; that of Aramco in Saudi Arabia averages about \$1,500,000 monthly.

The direct and indirect benefits to the countries concerned will, of course, increase as operations and production are expanded.

Profits of Oil Companies: The oil companies operating in the Middle East are still faced with enormous capital investments before they can round out a balanced picture of available daily production and oil handling facilities commensurate with the potential oil available in the ground and potential demand. In view of the unsettled conditions existing in the world today and the unusual risks attendant upon investments of this kind, they cannot be sure of making any ultimate net profit until their investment has been repaid.

Until recently, the Arabian American Oil Company, for example, has paid no dividends in the fourteen years of its operation in Saudi Arabia notwithstanding that what started and continued for several years as a highly speculative venture



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eventually proved very successful. Its owners were obliged to provide it with new capital until the end of 1945, and while it is now making substantial earnings, the bulk of these earnings are being "plowed back" and will continue to be "plowed back" for several years to come.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, the oldest company in the field, showed profits after taxes of £9,624,938 in 1946 as compared to £5,792,447 in 1945. Dividends declared against 1946 earnings amounted to £6,041,250, which was over £1,000,000 less than its royalty payments to the Iranian Government covering the same period.

No figures are presently available as to earnings of other companies operating in the Middle East.

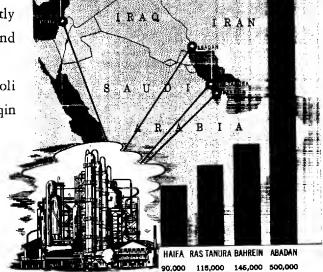
Refineries: The major refineries in the region are:

Country	Location	(barrels per day)
Iran	Abadan	500,000
Palestine	Haifa	90,000
Saudi Arabia	Ras Tanura	115,000
Bahrein	Bahrein	146,000

All of the above refineries are gradually being enlarged in capacity and expanded in functions. Plans have been announced for construction of a 75,000

barrel refinery on the Mediterranean Coast by Mediterranean Refining Company, jointly owned by Socony-Vacuum Oil Company and California Texas Corporation.

Smaller refineries are located at Tripoli (Lebanon); Kermanshah (Iran); Khanaqin (Iraq).



BARRELS PER DAY

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Major Pipeline Projects: There are three major projects planned for movement of Middle Eastern oil to the Levant Coast of the Mediterranean:

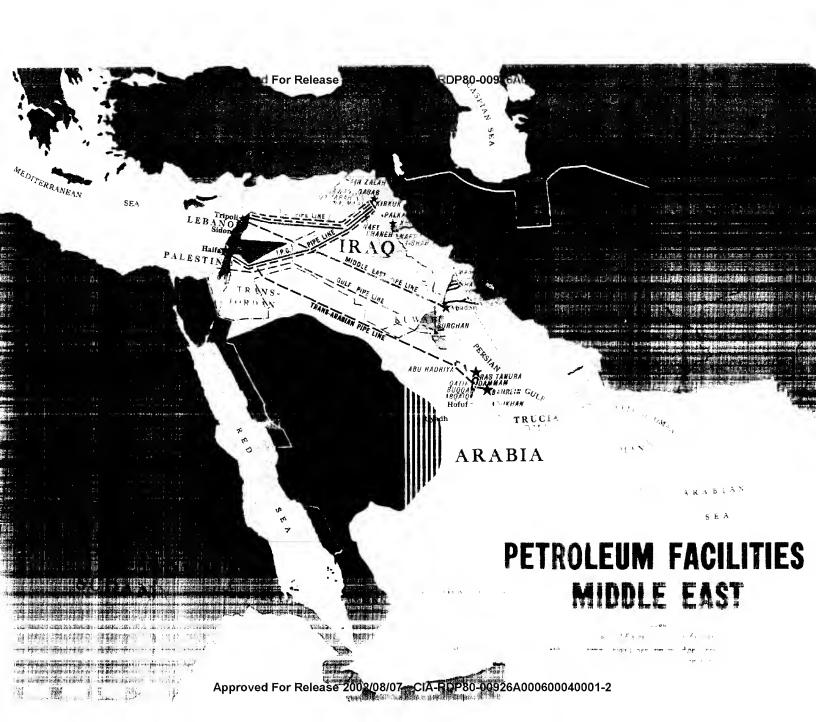
- 1. The Iraq Petroleum Company is now constructing or planning to construct two 16-inch pipelines from the Kirkuk field adjacent to the 12-inch lines which have been in operation since 1934. The new line to Haifa is expected to be completed in 1949, the one to Tripoli by 1951.
- 2. The Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company has commenced the construction of a 30-31 inch pipeline from the Saudi Arabian oil fields to the Levant Coast, expected to be completed in 1949.
- 3. A 34-inch line is proposed from Iran to the Mediterranean to be built by Middle East Pipeline Company, jointly owned by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) and Socony-Vacuum Oil Company. The latter two American companies have agreed to take substantial quantities of Iranian crude oil after the project is completed. Kuwait production is also to be tied into this line.

There has been some discussion of an additional pipeline from Kuwait to the Mediterranean, to be built by Gulf Oil Company and the Shell group.

Relations between Companies: The companies holding concessions in the separate countries operate entirely independently of each other notwithstanding that there is some overlapping in ownership, viz:

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, which exclusively holds the concession rights in southwest Iran, owns a 50% interest in the Kuwait Oil Company (operating in Kuwait) and a 23¾% interest in the Iraq Petroleum Company and its "sister" companies (see below). It also holds a half interest in Consolidated Refineries, Ltd., which owns and operates a 90,000 barrel refinery at Haifa.

The Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) and Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, which jointly own 233/4% of the Iraq Petroleum Company and its

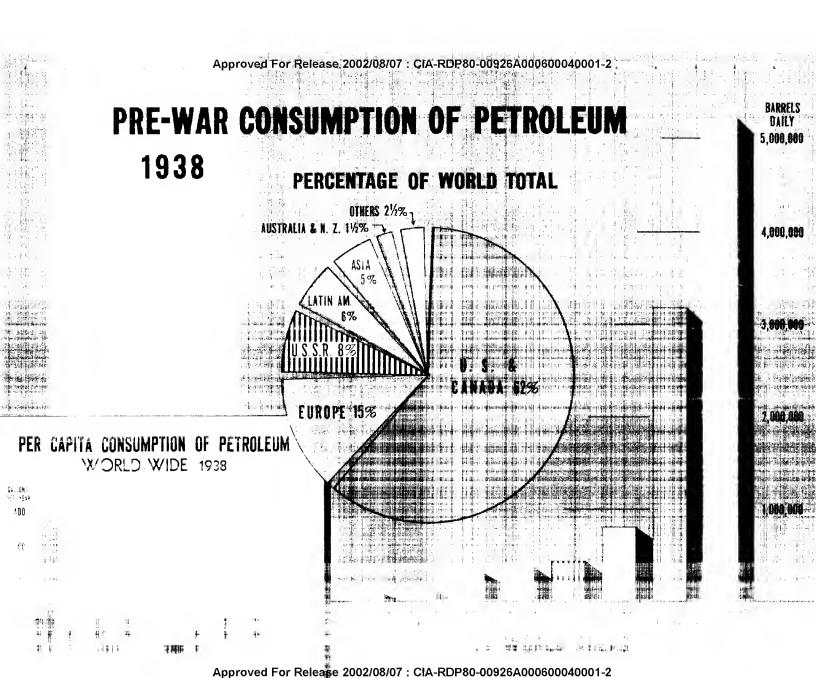


"sister" companies, have all but completed arrangements to acquire interests of 30% and 10% respectively in Arabian American Oil Company (operating in Saudi Arabia) and Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company, which up to the present have been jointly owned by Standard Oil Company of California and the Texas Company.

The British, American, French and Dutch owners of the Iraq Petroleum Company, Ltd. (see page 18) are also the owners of two other companies, Mosul Petroleum Company, Ltd. and Basrah Petroleum Company, Ltd., holding separate concessions in Iraq. They are also the owners of Petroleum Concessions, Ltd., which directly holds an exploration permit in Hadhramaut and which wholly owns subsidiary companies holding rights in other Middle East countries as follows:

Company Name	Country	Nature of Rights
Petroleum Development (Cyprus) Ltd.	Cyprus	Exploration Permit
Lebanon Petroleum Company, Ltd.	Lebanon	Exploration Permit
Petroleum Development (Palestine) Ltd.	Palestine	Exploration Permits
Syria Petroleum Company, Ltd.	Syria	Concession
Transjordan Petroleum Company, Ltd.	Trans-Jordan	Concession
Petroleum Development (Qatar) Ltd.	Qatar	Concession
Petroleum Development (Trucial Coast) Ltd.	Trucial Coast	Concessions on 6 Sheikhdoms
Petroleum Development (Oman and Dhofar) Ltd.	Oman and Dhofar	Concession

Standard Oil Company of California and the Texas Company which, as mentioned above have been joint equal owners of Arabian American Oil Company, and Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company, are still equal owners of the Bahrein Petroleum Company, Ltd.



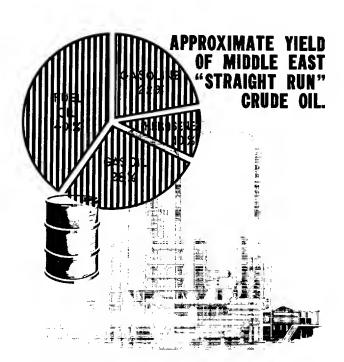
In 1928 the individual owners of Iraq Petroleum Company entered into an agreement (so-called "red line" agreement) under which they committed themselves not to act independently "directly or indirectly in the production or manufacture of crude oil" within most of the area of the old Ottoman Empire. This agreement was believed to have been largely nullified by events of the war and steps are now being taken to modify it.

The concessionaire companies confine their direct activities almost entirely to the production and refining of oil within their respective spheres. The owners of the Iraq Petroleum Company have the right to take oil produced by that company according to the proportion owned by each. Likewise the present owners and prospective owners of Arabian American Oil Company have agreed to take crude oil and products from that Company. In both cases the individual owners compete against each other in the marketing of the oil and oil products. (In marketing outside the Western Hemisphere Standard of California and Texas Company operate jointly through the marketing subsidiary California-Texas Oil Company, Ltd., owned by Bahrein Petroleum Company, Ltd.)

Characteristics of Middle East Crude Oil: Although the oil is produced from widely separated fields and from different geologic formations, the oils now produced in the Middle East are generally similar in type. They are generally comparable to the crude produced in west Texas. They contain sulphur (although of an inert type) and require stabilization for handling in tankers. In the major fields, they range from 32° to 38° A.P.I. gravity. Their yield on "straight run" is approximately as follows, with variations, of course, in individual crudes:

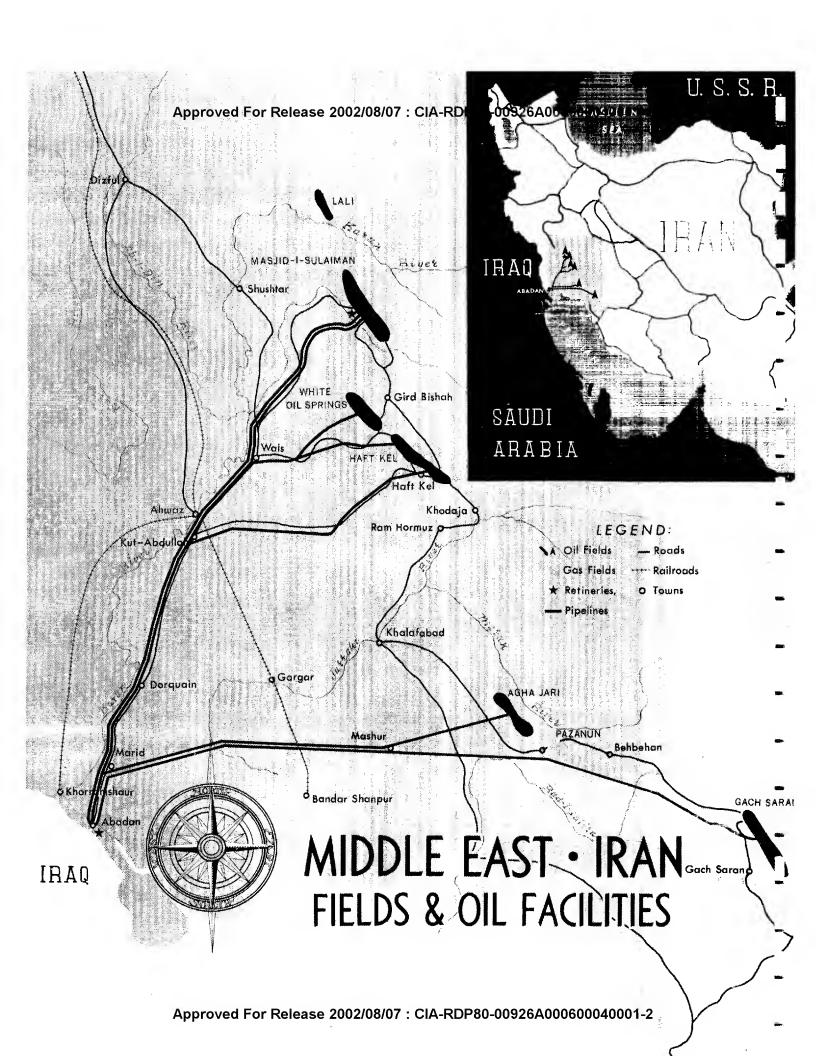
Gasoline	22%
Kerosene	10%
Gas Oil	28%
Fuel Oil	40%

The straight run gasoline is low in octane rating but can be easily improved up to standard by reforming, cracking and leading. The fuel oil has responded readily to cracking by both thermal and catalytic methods.



Some of the crudes contain good lubricating oil stock, but no lubes have been manufactured in the Middle East up to the present. The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is now building a plant for this purpose at Abadan.

The oil so far discovered in the Mosul area in Iraq has been of low gravity (16°), and has not been produced or utilized to any large extent.



#### IRAN (SOUTHWEST)

#### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS

Concession: Original concession granted to William Knox D'Arcy in 1901

by Iranian Government.

Concession contract revised, May 29, 1933.

Area: 100,000 square miles. Term: To December 31, 1993.

Holder: Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Limited.

Nationality: British.

Ownership: British Government 5.6%
Burmah Oil Company, Ltd. 22%

Public (Individuals) 22%

#### Oil Fields:

	Year Discovered	Producing <u>Wells</u>	Daily Avg. Produc- tion End 1947
Masjid-i-Sulaiman	1908	29	73,000
*Naft-i-Shah	1923	2	3,000
Haft Kel	1928	23	197,000
Gach Saran	1928/37	3	38,000
Naft Safid	1934/38	2	17,000
Agha Jari	1937/38	12	144,000
Pazanun	1937	Shut In	(gas field)
Total		<del></del> 71	472,000

A good well was completed in the Lali field in 1946 and this field should be contributing to current production after pipeline facilities are installed.

IRAN (SOUTHWEST) SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

#### Pipelines:

From	<u>To</u>	Lengt Miles	h Diameter	Capacity	Completed
Masjid-i-Sulaiman Masjid-i-Sulaiman Masjid-i-Sulaiman	Abadan Abadan Abadan	133 133 133	10) 10) 12).	80,000	1916-1927
Haft-Kel Haft-Kel Haft-Kel Haft-Kel Naft Safid (White Oil Springs)	Abadan Abadan Marid Kut Abdullah Wais	136 136 124 61 32	12) 12) 12) 12) 12) 10-12)	205,000	1929-1938
*Agha Jari Agha Jari	Abadan Bendur Mashu	97 r <b>4</b> 5	12) 12)	150,000 70,000	1945 1946
Gach Saran	Abadan	166	12)	40,000	1940
Naft-i-Shah	Kermanshah	146	3)	2,600	1935

Refineries: The Company operates one of the largest refineries in the world at Abadan. It has a crude distillation capacity of about 500,000 barrels daily and handled a daily average of 446,000 barrels in December, 1947. It has a daily cracking capacity of 125,000 barrels, and facilities for manufacture of 100 octane gasoline, built during the war. Additions to the refinery are still under way, including a small lubricating oil plant, a catalytic cracking plant, and increased storage, pumping, water, steam and electrical facilities.

A subsidiary company, Kermanshah Petroleum Company, operates a small plant at Kermanshah, capacity 2100 barrels, on crude from the Naft-i-Shah field.

<sup>\*</sup> Number of lines varies from two to four in the course of the route, the system being not yet complete.

## PRODUCTION BY YEARS • IRAN

TOTAL PRODUCTION TO 1929 301,551,000 BARRELS

YEAR THOU	DAILY AVERA	GE TOTAL FBARRELS	
1929	115	42,145	
1930	126	45.828	
1931	121	44,376	=_ 77
1931	136	49,471	
1932	149	54,392	
1934		57,851	
	159	57,273	
1935	157	62,718	
1936	171	77,804	
1937	213	78,372	
1938	215	78,372 78,1 <b>5</b> 1	
1939	214	66,317	
1940 1941	181	50,777	
1941 1942	139	72,256	
1943	198 204	74,612	
1945 1944		102,045	
1944 194 <b>5</b>	279 358	130,526	
1945	402	146,614	
1947	420	153,320	
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TOTAL PRODUCTION THROUGH 1947 • 1,746,399,000 BARRELS

IRAN (SOUTHWEST) SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

Because of lack of previously established communities and its own large personnel requirements, the Company has had to provide housing and utilities for many of its employees not only in outlying field camps, but also in Abadan, where there is a Company-built city of about 125,000 inhabitants. The Company's investment in housing and other facilities for employees has about equalled its investment in wells and industrial equipment. During 1946 alone its investment in housing and utilities was over £2,800,000 (\$11,200,000) and a further £600,000 (\$2,400,000) was spent on schools, shopping centers, cinemas, work canteens, temporary accommodations, etc. during the year. This construction is continuing as rapidly as materials become available.

The Company provides hospitals and medical attention, schools and industrial training, and assists in higher education for those qualified. In 1946 it contributed £150,000 (\$600,000) to the University at Tehran for technical equipment to enlarge educational facilities.

In past years the Company has provided a number of free amenities to its employees in addition to salaries, i.e., housing, free rations and supplemental allowances for the high cost of living. Recently, however, wages have been raised to provide for these extra emoluments and employees are now required to pay their own housing and living costs. The change in policy was made to give the employees a better understanding of Company-employee relations and the management of their personal affairs.

#### **IRAQ**

#### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS

Concessions: The entire country of Iraq has been leased under three concessions held by three companies all having identical ownership and control, viz:

#### 1. Districts of Mosul and Baghdad East of Tigris River

Granted to Iraq Petroleum Company, Ltd. (formerly Turkish Petroleum Co.) in 1925 as culmination of protracted international negotiations. It amounted to the revival and revisal of a concession granted by the Ottoman Empire to British and German interests before World War I.

Term: 75 years from March 14, 1925.

#### 2. West of Tigris River North of Lat. 33°.

Originally granted in 1932 to British Oil Development Company, an independent British group taken over some years later by the present owners. Name changed to Mosul Petroleum Company, Ltd.

Term: 75 years from May 25, 1932.

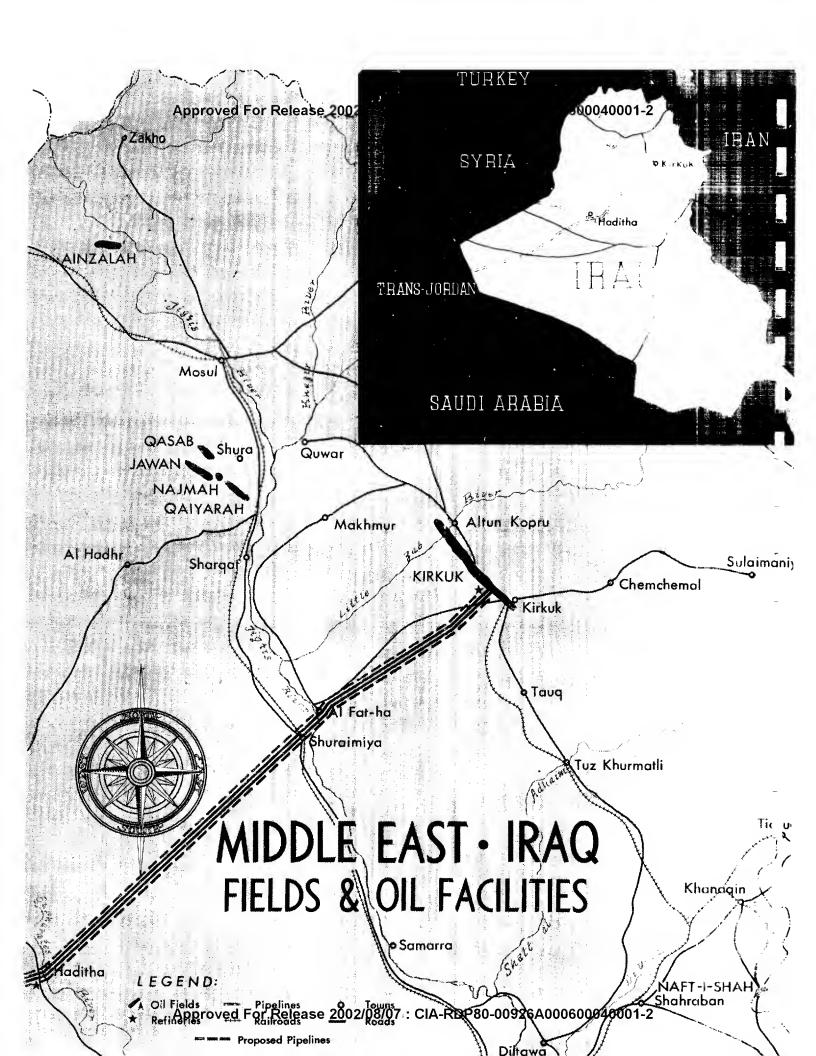
#### 3. District of Basrah, etc. (southern Iraq)

Granted in 1938 to Basrah Petroleum Company, Ltd.

Term: 75 years from November 30, 1938.

Nationality of above companies: British

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IRAQ SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

#### Ownership of all three companies:

Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (British)	23.7 <b>5</b> %
Compagnie Francaise des Petroles (French)	23.75%
Royal Dutch-Shell (Dutch-British)	23.75%
* Near East Development Co. (American)	23.75%
** C. S. Gulbenkian	5.00%

<sup>\*</sup> Owned jointly by Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) and Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.

Production: The production from Iraq has thus far come from the Kirkuk field in concession 1. Some heavy oil has been found in shallow wells in the Mosul area (in concession 2) but it has not been commercially developed except for minor local consumption.

Production from the Kirkuk field has been limited by the capacity of the 2 pipelines to the Mediterranean—about 92,000 barrels daily at the end of 1947. 31 producing wells and 48 observation wells had been completed. The wells are less than 3500 feet in depth. The field is very large and prolific and could produce considerably more. The A.P.I. gravity is 36°.

The oil fields in the Mosul (Qaiyarah) area are as follows:

			A.P.I.
Field	Discovered	Wells Completed	Gravity
Jawan	1933	5	16
Najmah	1933	22	16
Qaiyarah	1927	34	16
Qasab	1935	5	16

<sup>\*\*</sup> An Armenian, now a British citizen, who figured largely in original Turkish Petroleum Company negotiations.

IRAQ SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

Some oil of better quality (32°) was discovered in 1939 in the Ain Zalah field in the northern part of concession 2. Seven wells have been completed there at depths of 5000-6000 feet, but so far no oil has been shipped from this comparatively remote area. Further drilling is now in progress. Test drilling is also under way in the Basrah area (Concession 3).

## IRAQ • PRODUCTION FROM KIRKUK FIELD

YEAR	DAILY AVERAGE	TOTAL		
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1936	81	29,748		
1937	86	31,447		
1938	87	31,648		
1939	79	28,963		=
1940	49	17,882		
1941	29	10,502		
1942	48	17,437		
1943	69	25,376		
1944	82	29,875		
1945	90	32,996		
1946	92	33,438		
1947	92	33,494		
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PRODUCTION PRIOR TO 1936 16,492,000 BARREI	Ш	h		
	1936 '37 '38	39 '40 '41 '42	'43 '44 '45 '46 '4	7

TOTAL PRODUCTION THROUGH 1947 • 359,298,000 BARRELS

IRAQ SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

<u>Pipelines:</u> There are two 12-inch pipelines from the Kirkuk field to the Mediterranean coast, one terminating at Haifa, Palestine, the other at Tripoli. The Kirkuk-Haifa line is 621 miles, and the Kirkuk-Tripoli line 532 miles, in length.

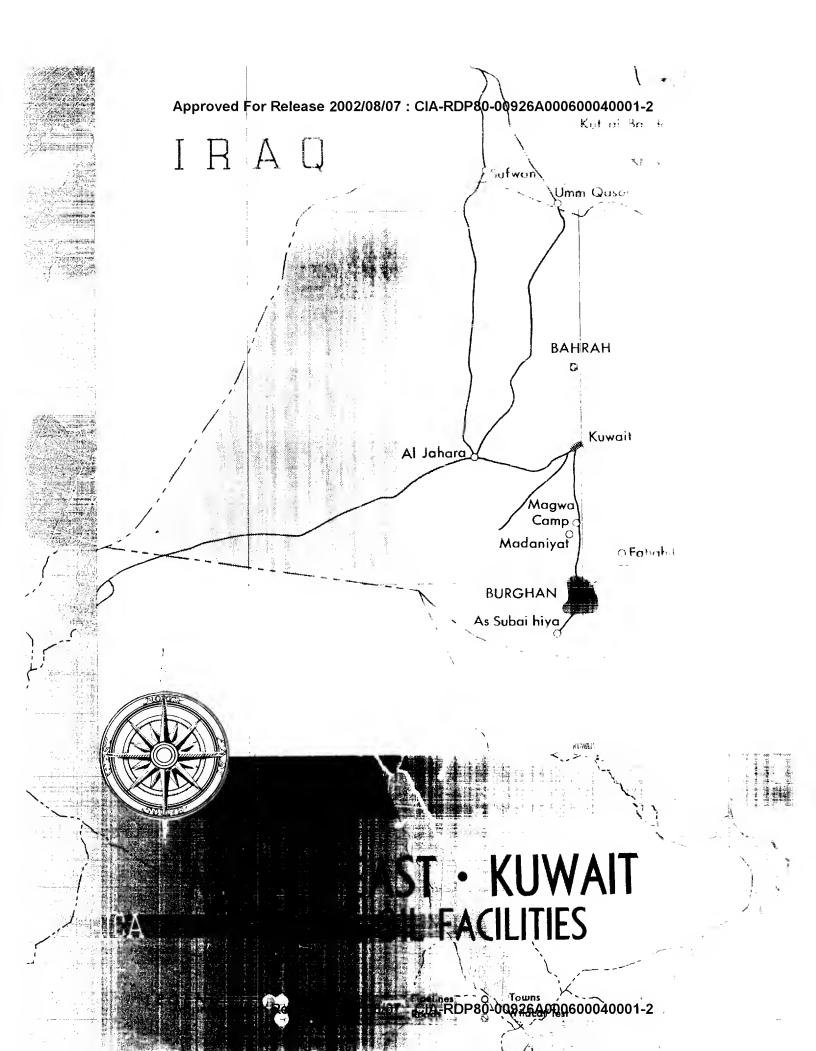
Construction of duplicating 16 inch lines is now under way, but progress is governed by the availability of steel pipe being fabricated in England. The Haifa line is expected to be completed in 1949, the Tripoli line in 1951.

In addition to the operations of the Iraq Petroleum Company, the Khanaqin Oil Company (owned by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company) produces oil in the Naft Khaneh field in eastern Iraq. From this field there is a pipeline to a company-owned refinery at Khanaqin, of 6500 barrels daily capacity.

Refineries: The I.P.C. has a stabilization plant at Kirkuk which was used as a topping plant during the war. Except for this and the Khanaqin plant, mentioned above, there are no refineries in Iraq.

The Consolidated Refineries, Limited, jointly owned by Anglo-Iranian and Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company (Shell group) operates a refinery of about 90,000 barrels daily capacity at Haifa, where most of the oil from the Kirkuk field is presently being refined. It is intended in the future to double the capacity of this plant and to install lubricating oil manufacturing facilities.

The Iraq Petroleum Company owns a small refinery at Tripoli which has been shut down since the early part of the war. The American interests in the same group have announced plans for the building of an additional refinery at this point.



#### KUWAIT

#### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS

Concession: Granted by Sheikh of Kuwait to Kuwait Oil Company, Ltd. in

1934.

Area: about 6,000 square miles.

Term: 75 years from December 23, 1934.

Nationality of Company: British.

Ownership: Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (British) 50%

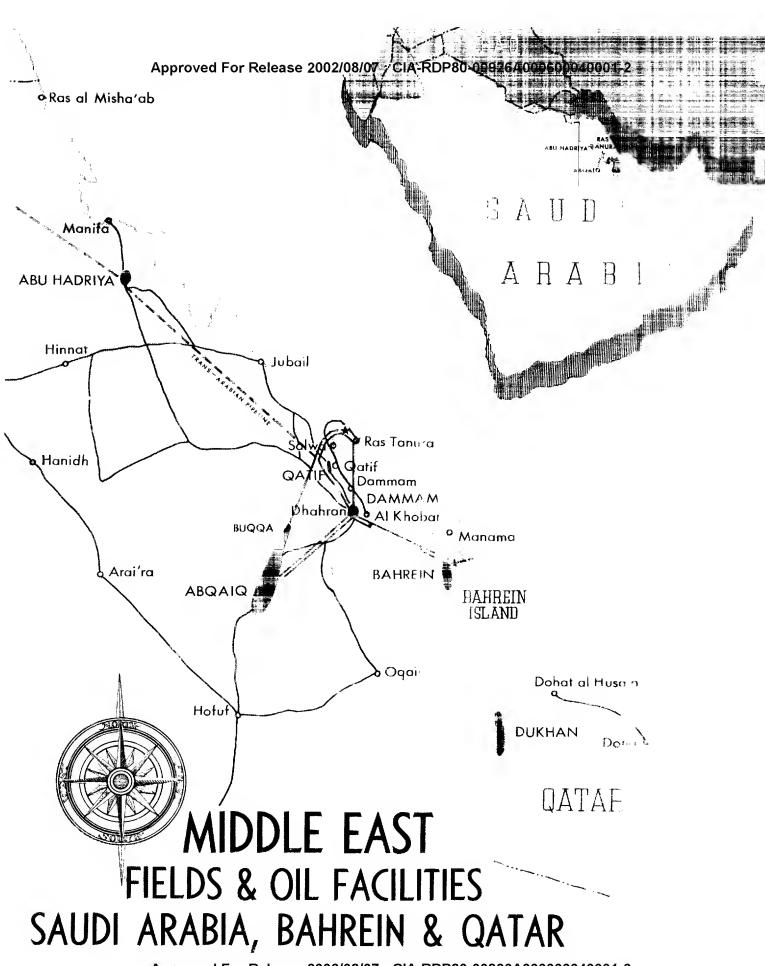
Gulf Exploration Company (American) 50%

Production: The Burghan field, discovered in 1938 at a depth of about 3700 feet, is one of the largest single oil fields in the world, if not the largest. It is believed to contain reserves of about 9 billion barrels.

Operations were practically discontinued during the war, but have been actively revived during 1946 and 1947.

A field gathering system, pipeline to the nearby coast and oil shipping terminal have been constructed. Crude oil shipments to Europe were commenced in June 1946, and are now running at the rate of about 100,000 barrels a day. At the end of 1947 there were 13 wells on production and five drilling rigs in operation. The field produced 5,931,000 barrels in 1946, 17,850,000 in 1947.

The potential productive capacity of the field cannot be fully utilized until additional outlets are developed. It is proposed in the future to tie Kuwait production into a pipeline to be constructed from Iran to the Mediterranean by Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), and Socony-Vacuum Oil Company. There is also a plan for an additional pipeline to the Mediterranean to be built jointly by Gulf Oil and the Shell group.



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..... Proposed Pipelines

#### SAUDI ARABIA

#### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS

Concessions: Original concession granted to Standard Oil Company of Cali-

fornia May 29, 1933 which was augmented in May, 1939. As-

signed to and now held by Arabian American Oil Company.

Area: 440,000 square miles, more or less.

Term: To July 14, 1999, (supplemental area to July 21, 2005)

Nationality of Company: American

Ownership: Until present, owned jointly by Standard Oil Company of California and Texas Company. Under recent negotiations which require certain formalities to be completed, the ownership will be:

Standard of California 30%
Texas Company 30%
Standard of New Jersey 30%
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. 10%

Exploration was commenced in September, 1933, and test drilling in 1934. However, results were discouraging until the finding of commercial production in the Dammam field in 1938.

SAUDI ARABIA SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

Oil fields: (Status at end of 1947)

Field Year 1	Discovered	Completed Oil Wells	Producing Wells	Daily Average Production
Dammam	1938	33	32	100,000
Abqaiq	1941	28*	18	200,000
Abu Hadriya	1940	1	0	Shut in
Qatif	1945	2	1	5,000
	Tota	1		305.00

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 3 wells in so-called "Buqqa" area, now shut in. This area, in which oil was discovered in 1947, has proved to be an extension of the Abqaiq Field.

Pipelines: (status middle 1948)

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From	To	Completed	Size D	aily Capacity	Length Miles
Dhahran	Ras Tanura Refinery	1939	10"	63,000	33
Dhahran	Ras Tanura Terminal	1946	12"	123,000	23
Dhahran	Bahrein	1945	12" plus land loc	117,00	34
Abqaiq	Dhahran	1946	12"-14"	100,000	40
Abqaiq	Dhahran	1947	14"	105,000	40
Abqaiq	Ras Tanura Refinery	1948	30-20-22"	326,000	61

Work has also commenced on an 1100-mile 30-31 inch pipeline from the Abqaiq field to the Mediterranean, which will have a capacity of 300,000 barrels daily when completed in 1949. This is being built by Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company, an American company owned by the same group.

Refineries: Aramco has one refinery located on Ras Tanura Peninsula. (A 3,000 barrel plant completed in 1940 has been abandoned.) Built as a military project in 1943-1945 with an estimated capacity of 50,000 barrels daily, the refinery is actually running over 115,000 per calendar day. This has been made possible largely by augmenting pumping and charging equipment. A large part of the output is being taken by the United States Navy.

SAUDI ARABIA SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

PRODUCTION BY YEARS.
SAUDI ARABIA

YEAR	DAILY AVERAGE BARRELS	TOTAL
1939	10,778	3,933,903
1940	13,865	5,074,838
1941	11,809	4,310,110
1942	12,412	4,530,492
1943	13,337	4,868,184
1944	21,296	7,794,420
1945	58,386	21,310,996
1946	164 <b>,2</b> 29	59,943,766
1947	246,169	89,851,646
1948	Est 410,000	150,060,000

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PRODUCTION PRIOR TO 1939 579.880 BARRELS

1939 '40 '41 '42 '43 '44 '45 '46 '47 '48 EST.

TOTAL PRODUCTION THROUGH 1947 • 202,198,235 BARRELS

SAUDI ARABIA SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

#### RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE

Aramco employs upwards of 15,000 Saudi Arabs and its local payroll presently runs in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 per month. The majority are unskilled laborers. Starting rates of pay for this group have increased from less than 1 riyal (30c) per day in 1934 to 3 riyals (90c) at present. Rewards are given for continuity of service and higher wage rates are, of course, paid according to degrees of skill acquired before, or during the course of, employment by the Company.

While these rates are far below those paid in western countries, local labor is not "cheap" in terms of productivity and performance. Entering a country whose mode of life had changed little, if any, since Biblical times, Aramco has had to teach its local workers the simplest tasks. The training of skilled workers has been proceeding with good success, but will require considerably more time before the number so trained meets requirements. In addition to industrial training, the Company has for several years operated primary schools for employees and their children. As in the case of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Aramco has had to construct housing for its Arab as well as American employees, and the development and improvement of local communities in which employees and their families live presents a long-range and largescale problem with which the Company feels natural concern and is prepared in all reasonable ways to assist. Now under way is the construction of a 7-mile railroad pier to deep water and other port facilities at the town of Dammam, and of a railroad from that point to Dhahran and Abgaig. This will result in the establishment of an important public port on the Persian Gulf coast and the development of a comparatively large community there. The present construction, although being financed and supervised by the Company, is being undertaken as a governmental project, and the King has hopes of having the railroad extended eventually 350 miles inland to the capital city, Riyadh.

#### SAUDI ARABIA SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS, Continued

The Company also has introduced and maintains modern hospitals and health centers in the area of its operations.

Its relations with the government and employees have at all times remained harmonious, and great care is exercised in the formulation and administration of policies which will maintain mutual respect, confidence and fair dealing.

The Company has given technical assistance to the government in many local problems, including the supervision, by Company engineers, of the construction of a fairly large agricultural project at Al Kharj, southeast of Riyadh. It is presently sponsoring a group of American agriculturalists for the application of improved farming methods in the country.

During the war, when the great reduction in revenues from pilgrim traffic and other sources placed the government in financial difficulties, the Company assisted it with advances from time to time, the total of which exceeded \$10,000,000.

#### **BAHREIN**

#### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS

Concession: Originally granted in 1925 to Eastern and General Syndicate,

an independent English group.

Assigned to Bahrein Petroleum Company, Ltd., in 1930, after

obtaining approval of British Government.

Area: Original concession contemplating mining lease of 100,00 acres

has been extended to cover entire Bahrein Archipelago.

Term: 55 years from June 19, 1940.

Nationality of Company: Canadian.

Ownership: Standard Oil Company of California 50%

Texas Company 50%

Oil Field: Only one field has been discovered, in central portion of

Bahrein Island. 66 wells were producing as of January 1, 1948.

Refinery: The Company operates a refinery of about 146,000 barrels daily

capacity only a few miles from the oil field. The refinery includes thermal and catalytic cracking, aviation gasoline manu-

facturing facilities, SO<sub>2</sub> plant, asphalt plant, etc.

It handles 30,000 to 35,000 barrels daily of Bahrein crude, and

111,000 to 116,000 barrels of crude transported by submarine

pipeline from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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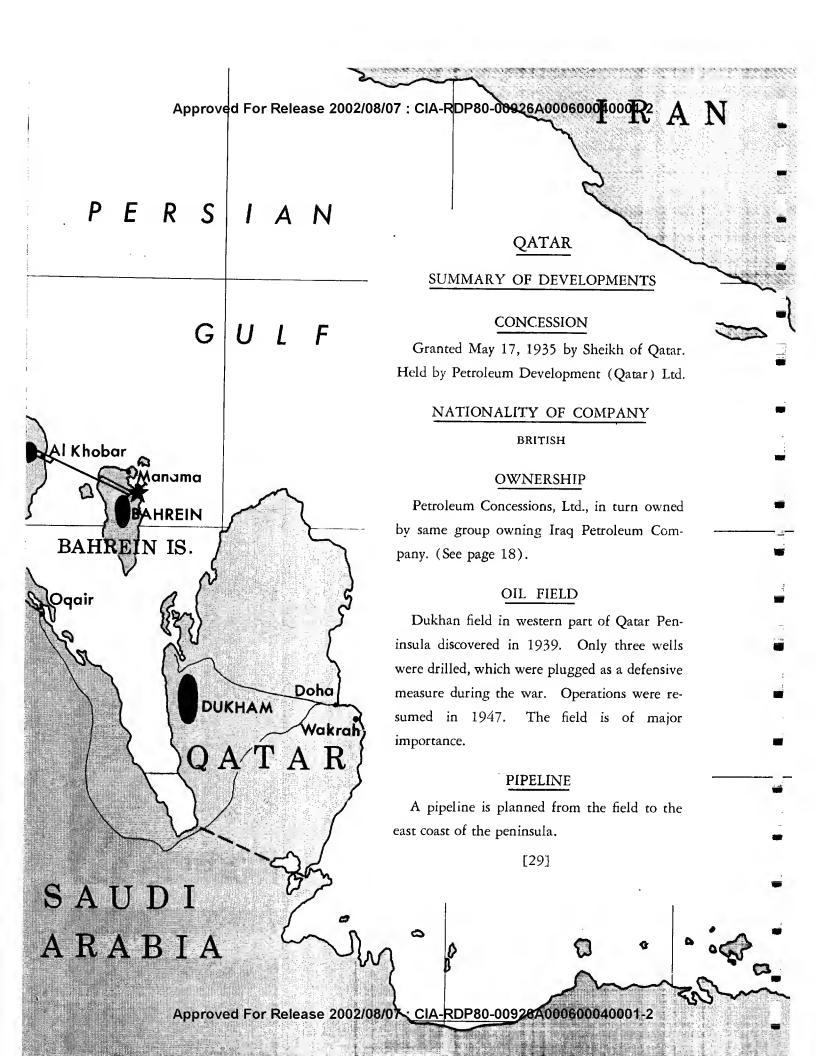
## **BAHREIN • PRODUCTION BY YEARS**

YEAR DAILY	AVERAGE	TOTAL	
THOUSANDS	OF BARR	EL\$	
1936	13	4,645	
1937	21	7,7 <i>6</i> 2	h.
1938	23	8,298	
1939	21	7,588	
1940	20	7,074	
194 <b>1</b>	18	6,794	=
1942	17	6,240	
1943	18	6,572	
1944	19	6,714	
1945	20	7,309	
1946	22	<b>8,0</b> 10	
1947	25	9,411	
PRODUCTION			
PRIOR TO 1936 1,582,000 BARRELS			
.,, Dimines		38 '39 '40 '41 '42	'43 '44 '45 '46 '47

### TOTAL PRODUCTION THROUGH 1947 - 84,999,000 BARRELS

Production during the first quarter of 1948 totalled 2,668,000 barrels, a daily average of 29,000.

As in the case of the other oil companies, Bapco has made notable progress in the training and education of its Bahrein employees, numbering nearly 6,000, and has introduced free medical care in its modern well-equipped hospitals, as well as other employee benefits. The company's relations with the Government and people of Bahrein have at all times been harmonious.



## EXPLANATION OF API GRAVITY AND CONVERSION TABLE, BARRELS TO TONS, FOR OIL OF GRAVITY 25° API to 40° API

The index of specific gravity used in the petroleum industry in the United States, is expressed in degrees API. It is based on a ratio between the weight of equal volumes of oil and water. For ease in conversion the API index is commonly calculated for oil at 60° F temperature. The following table is based on this standard temperature.

Degrees <u>A.P.I.</u>	Pounds per Gallon	Pounds per 42 gal. barrel	Barrels per
25	7.529	316.2	7.07
26	7.481	314.2	· 7.12
27	7.434	312.2	7.17
28	7.387	310.3	7.22
29	7.341	308.3	7.28
30	7.296	306.4	7.33
31	7.251	304.5	7.37
32	7.206	302.7	7.42
33	7.163	300.8	7.46
34	7.119	299.0	7.50
35	7.076	297.2	7.54
36	7.034	295.4	7.59
37	6.993	293.7	7.63
38	6.951	301.9	7.67
39	6.910	290.2	7.71
40	6.870	288.5	7 <b>.7</b> 6

<sup>\*</sup> In contrast to the practice in the United States, when crude oil is measured in barrels of 42 U. S. gallons, the unit of measurement under Middle East oil concessions is usually the "ton," i.e., the English ton of 2240 pounds.

